

Marijuana Policy Panel Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2004

The meeting was held in City Hall, Room 370 and was convened at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Members in attendance: Stark, Holden, Cunningham, Holcomb, Rasmussen, Mochizuki, Kigvamusud'Vashti

Members absent: Licata, Carr, Satterberg, Nyrop

Staff: Nuerenberg, Harper

Minutes from February 25, 2004 meeting were accepted by panelists and approved unanimously.

Holden proposed agenda change. Discussion for 30 minutes, 10 minute public comment, then 30 minutes additional discussion. Panelists agreed without comment.

Discussion of Draft Reporting Criteria

Panelists mentioned their interest in tracking what is initially charged and comparing that data to what is prosecuted. Officer's interpretation of offense may vary from charge prosecutor files.

Stark asked what, in the way of investigation, occurs prior to arrest? Reason for the stop, arrest, etc? Identifying person arrested, location of arrest, reason for stop, reason for arrest, and charges filed all seemed to panel members to be important items to gauge and track.

Public Comment

- Difficult to determine if folks are homeless when charged, arrested, etc; may find certain types of reporting difficult.
- Inclusion of medical marijuana in adult personal use- should also be considered when defining reporting criteria
- Cost of incarceration/detainment should be tracked as well

Discussion of Draft Reporting Criteria

Panelists determined a sub-committee should be formed to examine, debate, and propose draft reporting criteria. The sub-committee will also coordinate administrative issues in reporting, with the help of SPD, Law and the County Prosecutor. Holden, Cunningham, Holcomb, Carr, Mochizuki, and Kigvamusud'Vashti volunteered to be on the sub-committee, known as the Reporting Criteria Sub-Committee.

Five points in reporting were identified by the panel. They are: stop reason, detainment, file/arrest, file charges, and prosecute. In an attempt to ensure each item can be track, Holden proposed a meeting with the records department of SPD. Records needs to determine whether or not existing reporting criteria is sufficient or if search methods/data need to be changed in the future. SPD and Law have agreed to bring what is available, records-wise.

Next Steps

The Reporting Criteria Sub-Committee will meet in City Hall Room 265 on Wednesday, March 17 from 11-1 p.m. Holden will take minutes and email them to members of the panel prior to the next full panel meeting. The full panel will reconvene Wednesday, March 24 in City Hall Room 370 from 5:30-7 p.m. The reporting criteria are due to be finalized at the March 24th meeting.